

counselor in 1981, assuming overall responsibility for the activities that make up the California Boys State program. The 2003 California Boys State session will be Mr. Cenoz's 23rd serving as chief counselor.

In 1980, Mr. Cenoz was invited to join the staff of Boys Nation. Boys Nation is an extension of the Boys State program. Annually, two boys from each Boys State program around the country are selected to represent their home States at the 10-day Boys Nation program in Washington, DC.

Mr. Cenoz has been a leader outside of the California Boys State program as well, serving in the U.S. Navy and the Navy Reserve as a submariner from 1941 to 1953. He served in both World War II and the Korean war. Additionally, Mr. Cenoz served as a police officer with the city of Pomona, beginning in 1951, and retiring at the rank of lieutenant in 1980.

Mr. Cenoz's actions demonstrate his dedication to serving his country and the State of California, and I offer my hearty congratulations to him for his 50 years of service to the California Boys State program.●

RECOGNIZING OFFICER CLAYTON HARMSTON, RECIPIENT OF THE CALIFORNIA AMERICAN LEGION LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR FOR VALOR AWARD

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to bring to the Senate's attention the exemplary achievements and outstanding service of Officer Clayton Harmston of the San Francisco Police Department.

The American Legion, Department of California has chosen Officer Clayton Harmston as its Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for Valor. Officer Harmston is receiving this award for the extraordinary heroism he displayed in the line of duty on July 7, 2002.

On that day, Officer Harmston and his partner stopped a vehicle that was operating in a suspicious manner. During the vehicle stop, Officer Harmston approached the passenger, who was just paroled from State prison. The passenger refused to submit to a search and immediately attacked Officer Harmston. A struggle ensued, Officer Harmston was knocked to the ground face-first, and then the parolee drew his loaded weapon on Officer Harmston. Although injured and dazed, Officer Harmston demonstrated great presence of mind and warned his partner of the gun. When Harmston's partner distracted the parolee, Officer Harmston displayed remarkable courage by attempting to pull the gun away from the parolee. During the struggle, the parolee shot Officer Harmston who was able to roll away to cover, where a gun battle began. The gunman was struck and fell to the ground, refusing to release his weapon until it was taken from his grip.

Officer Clayton Harmston, despite his injuries, used all his abilities and re-

sources to protect his partner and ultimately end this dangerous situation. Officer Harmston is an inspiration to all. It is because of the courage and valor of police officers such as Clayton Harmston that our streets are safer.

Californians are extremely proud of Officer Harmston. He is most deserving of the American Legion, Department of California's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for Valor award and of the admiration that he receives from colleagues and friends. I am honored to pay tribute to him, and I encourage my colleagues to join me in wishing Officer Harmston much continued success in his law enforcement career.●

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN CHARLES A. BUSH

● Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to an outstanding officer, CPT Charles A. Bush, on the occasion of his retirement from the Department of the Navy. It is a great honor for me to take this opportunity to thank Captain Bush and his family for his 27 years of distinguished and dedicated service to our Nation. Over the last quarter of a century, he has proudly and selflessly served his Nation in defense of freedom.

Few of us can appreciate the true awe of the U.S. aircraft carrier as well as Captain Bush can. During his career he served the aircraft carrier community in many facets: naval aviator, engineer officer, maintenance coordinator, and most recently as program manager for in-service aircraft carriers.

During his tenure as program manager, Captain Bush oversaw the construction of the USS *Harry S Truman*, CVN 75, and *Ronald Reagan*, CVN 76, the complete refueling and complex overhaul of the first Nimitz-class carrier, USS *Nimitz*, CVN 68, the commencement of the second Nimitz-class carrier to undergo a refueling and overhaul—the USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower*, CVN 69, as well as the maintenance planning for the in-service carrier force at the highest possible level of readiness.

His innovative concepts, motivational leadership, and personal energy have produced exactly what was required to support these national assets—dramatic streamlining of processes and organizations, reduced maintenance cost and cycle time, and a government and commercial workforce trained for and ready to take these concepts forward. The culmination of his efforts can be no better illustrated than by the successful surge of carriers in support of both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Captain Bush's son, Nicholas, now has the distinct honor to continue the family's great service to our Nation on-board the USS *Nimitz*. Nicholas is a naval flight officer assigned to VAQ-135, NAS Whidbey Island, WA, and was recently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

It is my honor to recognize Captain Bush for his distinguished service to our Nation. As a veteran of World War II and Korea, I have the highest respect for those who serve in uniform, and I appreciate and honor all the men and women who have served, and continue to serve, in defense of freedom. Recalling our national anthem, to our veterans and Armed Forces, I say, we would not be "the land of the free" were we not also the "home of the brave." My colleagues and I wish Captain Bush and his family continued success and the traditional naval wish of "Fair winds and Following seas" as he closes out his military career.●

TRIBUTE TO COMPANY C 5TH BATTALION 112TH ARMOR

● Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I stand before you today in tribute of the Company C 5th Battalion 112th Armor currently stationed at the Pine Bluff Arsenal. Along with the people of my State as well as those across the Nation. I would like to offer my sincere appreciation and farewell to this group of 238 personnel that will be relieved of their duty at the Arsenal in a transfer of authority on June 11, 2003.

This exceptional group of young men and women hailing from Arkansas and Texas came together in an unusual display of diversity in September of 2002 in order to provide extensive base security as a Chemical Site Defense Force. Under the creed, "One flag, One Team, One Fight," this company is a combination of 169 men and women from five Army Companies in Northeast Texas, as well as 69 personnel from my home State of Arkansas. For those not schooled in the procedures of the National Guard, this interstate combination is rare. On top of this is the fact that within "Tank Fantillery," which is the adopted nickname of the company, there is also an unusual mixture of tankers, infantrymen and an artillery battery. Under the direction of CDR Robert Eason, "Tank Fantillery" has shown their dedication, unity, and diversity as they have joined in the fight against terrorism by successfully fulfilling their protective duties at the Pine Bluff Arsenal Chemical Munitions facility. Now, coming to the end of their term of duty, I feel that it is appropriate for us to offer them our gratitude and congratulations on the completion of their objective.

Later this month the transfer of authority will take place, and this group of personnel will be relieved of the protective duties that they have held for the last 10½ months. Such an occasion offers the chance to honor these men and women that display a level of dedication to their country that too few of us share. All of the world should be so lucky as to have such dedicated and honorable soldiers committed to their protection. It is with a warm heart that I salute these men and women and wish them luck in all of their future endeavors.●